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Revival of Stalled Power
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any plan of action for revival of stalled power projects across the country;

(b) if so, the details of those projects identified by the Government for revival programme; and

(c) the expected power generation and the estimated cost in case of those stalled power projects which were made functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

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(a) & (b) : Government has reviewed the status of 34 stressed Thermal Power Projects, as per the list provided by Department of Financial Services. During the review meeting, Government has identified the major reasons for stress in the Power Sector, which are as follows:

(i) Non-availability of regular fuel supply arrangements.
(ii) Lack of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) tie-ups.
(iii) Inability of the Promoter to infuse the equity and service debt.
(iv) Regulatory and Contractual issues.

The Government has also taken a number of steps to ease stress in the sector. These include:

1. For grant of regular coal linkages, Govt. of India has approved New Coal Allocation Policy, 2017, for Power sector, on 17.05.2017 viz. SHAKTI (Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India) under which coal is made available to Public Sector Undertakings of Central and State Government, and Independent Power Producers (IPPs) against already concluded long-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and long-term & medium-term PPAs, to be concluded in future.

2. To encourage increased purchase of Power, following measures have been taken:

a. Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) scheme for Financial and Operational Turnaround of power distribution utilities (DISCOMs) of the country.
b. Power For All (PFA) initiative with States and UTs for bringing uninterrupted quality of power to each household, industry, commercial business, small & medium enterprise and establishment.
c. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) for Rural Electrification; strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution networks in the rural areas; separation of agriculture and non-agriculture feeders and metering of distribution transformers/ feeders/consumers in the rural areas.
d. Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) for strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution networks in the urban areas; Metering of distribution transformers / feeders / consumers in the urban areas and IT enablement of distribution sector.
e. Augmenting Transmission capacity to remove transmission constraints.
f. Flexibility in utilisation of domestic coal for reducing the cost of power generation.

(c) : A Hydro-electric project, namely, Teesta III HEP (6x200=1200 MW) in Sikkim by M/s. Teesta Urja Ltd. which was earlier held up due to funds constraints, was made functional. Works re-started in Oct, 2015 and the project was commissioned in Feb, 2017. The expected power generation from the project is 5296 MU. The estimated cost of the project is Rs.13965 Crore.

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